

## REMARKS

The Office Action mailed November 9, 2010 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing Amendment and following remarks have been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 13-15, 21, and 22 are pending in this application. Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 13-15, 21, and 22 stand rejected.

The rejection of Claims 1-3, 5, 13-15, and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,499,227 (Jacobson) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,471,091 (Unverzagt) and U.S. Patent No. 3,587,570 (Kilbey) is respectfully traversed.

Jacobson describes a sports glove drying device including a strap 35 that is wrapped about a pole 20 of a golf cart 15. Strap 35 includes a rigid first end 34 and a flexible second end 32. After strap 35 is wrapped around pole 20, second end 32 is pulled through a latch 70 to secure strap 35 against pole 20 such that first end 34 extends rigidly outward from pole 20 to suspend a card 40 therefrom. Card 40 includes a glove attachment device 50 including a hook tape 76 on one side and a pile tape 74 on a second side. Notably, Jacobson does not describe nor suggest a body inner surface including a first fastening mechanism and a body outer surface including a plurality of second fastening mechanisms, wherein at least one of the second fastening mechanisms is coupleable to the first fastening mechanism and the plurality of second fastening mechanisms are positioned for removably coupling a golf glove flap portion and a golf glove backing portion directly against the body outer surface.

Unverzagt describes a label holding and dispensing device 10 that includes a strap 24 that has a first end 26, a second end 28, an outer surface 34, and an inner surface 32. A fastening member 36 including a hook portion securely coupled to inner surface 32 and a loop portion securely couple to outer surface 30 removably fastens inner surface 32 to outer surface 34. A securing member 38 including a loop portion 40 securely coupled to outer surface 34 of strap 24 and a hook portion 42 securely coupled to a bottom surface of a bottom wall 14 of a housing 12 removably secures housing 12 to strap 24. Notably, Unverzagt does not describe nor suggest a body inner surface including a first fastening mechanism and a body outer surface including a plurality of second fastening mechanisms, wherein at least one of the second fastening mechanisms is coupleable to the first fastening mechanism and the

plurality of second fastening mechanisms are positioned for removably coupling a golf glove flap portion and a golf glove backing portion directly against the body outer surface.

Kilbey describes a pelvic traction device 10 that includes a first end portion 18 and a second end portion 20. First end portion 18 includes two strips 22 and 24 of a pile material for a fabric fastener. Second end portion 20 includes two strips 26 and 28 of a hook material for a fabric fastener. A plurality of strips 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, and 46 are coupled to device 10. Each strip 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, and 46 includes a pad 48 of pile material for a fabric fastener. A first end of a pulling strap 50 is coupled to device 10 and a second end of strap 50 is looped through a D-ring 58, folded back, secured with a loop 60. A length of strap 50 is adjusted by pulling on a free end of strap 50 to push a pelvic bone of a patient towards the patient's feet to stretch a spine of the patient. Notably, Kilbey does not describe nor suggest a body inner surface including a first fastening mechanism and a body outer surface including a plurality of second fastening mechanisms, wherein at least one of the second fastening mechanisms is coupleable to the first fastening mechanism and the plurality of second fastening mechanisms are positioned for removably coupling a golf glove flap portion and a golf glove backing portion directly against the body outer surface.

Claim 1 recites a golf cart comprising "a golf cart frame support having at least one external surface and defining a longitudinal axis . . . and an apparatus for coupling a glove including a flap portion and a backing portion to said support, said apparatus comprising a first end, an opposing second end, a body extending from said first end to said second end, a first edge extending from said first end to said second end, and a second edge that is substantially perpendicular to said first edge, said first edge is longer than said second edge, said body comprising an inner surface and an opposite outer surface . . . said body inner surface comprising at least one first fastening mechanism and said body outer surface comprising a plurality of second fastening mechanisms for coupling said body to said support, said at least one first fastening mechanism extending substantially parallel to said first edge, at least one of said plurality of second fastening mechanisms coupleable to said at least one first fastening mechanism, said plurality of second fastening mechanisms positioned for removably coupling the glove flap portion and the glove backing portion directly against said body outer surface in a mating arrangement when said apparatus is coupled to said support . . . said apparatus further comprising at least one third fastening mechanism for

removably coupling other golf equipment to said apparatus, said apparatus facilitating drying a damp golf glove.”

Applicant respectfully submits that no combination of Jacobson, Unverzagt, and Kilbey describes nor suggests a golf cart as is recited in Claim 1. Specifically, no combination of Jacobson, Unverzagt, and Kilbey describes nor suggests a body inner surface including a first fastening mechanism and *a body outer surface including a plurality of second fastening mechanisms*, wherein at least one of the second fastening mechanisms is coupleable to the first fastening mechanism and *the plurality of second fastening mechanisms are positioned* for removably coupling a golf glove flap portion *and* a golf glove backing portion directly against the body outer surface. (Emphasis added). That is, no combination of the cited references describes or suggests a single surface (i.e., the body outer surface) that includes fastening mechanisms for removably coupling two complementary portions (i.e., the golf glove flap portion and the golf glove backing portion).

Rather, in contrast to the claimed invention, Jacobsen merely describes a card including a hook tape on one side and a pile tape on another side suspended from a strap wrapped around a pole of a golf cart, wherein one end of the strap is pulled through a latch to secure the strap against the pole. As acknowledged at page 3 of the Office Action, Jacobson does not describe or suggest a second fastening mechanism or a third fastening mechanism of the claimed invention. No combination of Unverzagt and Kilbey overcomes the noted deficiencies of Jacobson. Rather, Unverzagt merely describes a strap having an inner surface with a hook portion and an outer surface with two loop portions, and Kilbey describes a pelvic traction belt and is cited to merely describe a closed loop.

Moreover, no combination of Jacobson, Unverzagt, and Kilbey describes nor suggests a golf glove drying apparatus having a first edge longer than a second edge, wherein the first edge is substantially parallel to a frame longitudinal axis and the second edge substantially circumscribes a support. Applicant respectfully submits that such a feature is not merely a matter of design choice, but rather is a *structural* feature that provides a longer fastening mechanism that facilitates easily coupling a glove to the glove drying apparatus. (Emphasis added).

For at least the reasons set forth above, Claim 1 is submitted to be patentable over Jacobson in view of Unverzagt and Kilbey.

Claims 2, 3, and 5 depend directly or indirectly from independent Claim 1. When the recitations of Claims 2, 3, and 5 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent Claims 2, 3, and 5 likewise are patentable over Jacobson in view of Unverzagt and Kilbey.

Claim 13 recites a method of drying a damp golf glove including a flap portion and a backing portion, the method comprising “providing a golf cart frame support that includes a longitudinal axis extending therethrough . . . providing an apparatus that includes a first end, an opposing second end, a body extending from the first end to the second end, a first edge extending from the first end to the second end, and a second edge that is substantially perpendicular to the first edge, wherein the body includes an inner surface and an opposite outer surface . . . securing the apparatus to the support using at least one first fastening mechanism coupled to the body inner surface and at least one of a plurality of second fastening mechanisms coupled to the body outer surface . . . removably coupling the golf glove flap portion to one of the plurality of second fastening mechanisms and the golf glove backing portion to another of the plurality of second fastening mechanisms such that the glove is directly coupled against the body outer surface in a mating arrangement when the apparatus is coupled to the support . . . and removably coupling other golf equipment to the apparatus using at least one third fastening mechanism.”

Applicant respectfully submits that no combination of Jacobson, Unverzagt, and Kilbey describes nor suggests a method of drying a damp golf glove as is recited in Claim 13. Specifically, no combination of Jacobson, Unverzagt, and Kilbey describes nor suggests securing an apparatus to a support using a first fastening mechanism coupled to a body inner surface and *a plurality of second fastening mechanisms coupled to a body outer surface*, and removably coupling *a golf glove flap portion to one of the second fastening mechanisms* and *a golf glove backing portion to another of the second fastening mechanisms* such that the glove is directly coupled against the body outer surface. (Emphasis added). That is, no combination of the cited references describes or suggests removably coupling two complementary portions (i.e., the golf glove flap portion and the golf glove backing portion) to fastening mechanisms coupled to a single surface (i.e., the body outer surface).

Rather, in contrast to the claimed invention, Jacobsen merely describes a card including a hook tape on one side and a pile tape on another side suspended from a strap wrapped around a pole of a golf cart, wherein one end of the strap is pulled through a latch to

secure the strap against the pole. As acknowledged at page 3 of the Office Action, Jacobson does not describe or suggest a second fastening mechanism or a third fastening mechanism of the claimed invention. No combination of Unverzagt and Kilbey overcomes the noted deficiencies of Jacobson. Rather, Unverzagt merely describes a strap having an inner surface with a hook portion and an outer surface with two loop portions, and Kilbey describes a pelvic traction belt and is cited to merely describe a closed loop.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Claim 13 is submitted to be patentable over Jacobson in view of Unverzagt and Kilbey.

Claims 14, 15, and 22 depend from independent Claim 13. When the recitations of Claims 14, 15, and 22 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 13, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent Claims 14, 15, and 22 likewise are patentable over Jacobson in view of Unverzagt and Kilbey.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of Claims 1-3, 5, 13-15, and 22 under Section 103 be withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 7, 9, 10, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Unverzagt in view of Kilbey is respectfully traversed.

Unverzagt and Kilbey are described above.

Claim 7 recites a golf glove drying apparatus for use with a frame support. The golf glove drying apparatus comprises: "a first end, an opposing second end, a body extending from said first end to said second end, a first edge extending from said first end to said second end, and a second edge that is substantially perpendicular to said first edge, said first edge is longer than said second edge, said body comprises an inner surface and an opposing outer surface . . . said body inner surface comprises at least one first fastening mechanism and said body outer surface comprising a plurality of second fastening mechanisms for coupling said body to the support . . . at least one of said plurality of second fastening mechanisms coupleable to said at least one first fastening mechanism, said plurality of second fastening mechanisms positioned for removably coupling a golf glove flap portion and a golf glove backing portion directly against said body outer surface in a mating arrangement when said apparatus is coupled to the support . . . said apparatus further comprising at least one third

fastening mechanism for removably coupling other golf equipment to said apparatus, said apparatus facilitating drying a damp golf glove.”

Applicant respectfully submits that no combination of Unverzagt and Kilbey describes nor suggests a golf glove drying apparatus as is recited in Claim 7. Specifically, no combination of Unverzagt and Kilbey describes nor suggests a body inner surface including a first fastening mechanism and *a body outer surface including a plurality of second fastening mechanisms*, wherein at least one of the second fastening mechanisms is coupleable to the first fastening mechanism and *the plurality of second fastening mechanisms are positioned* for removably coupling a golf glove flap portion *and* a golf glove backing portion directly against the body outer surface. (Emphasis added). That is, no combination of the cited references describes or suggests a single surface (i.e., the body outer surface) that includes fastening mechanisms for removably coupling two complementary portions (i.e., the golf glove flap portion and the golf glove backing portion).

Rather, in contrast to the claimed invention, Unverzagt merely describes a strap having an inner surface with a hook portion and an outer surface with two loop portions. Kilbey does not overcome the noted deficiencies of Unverzagt, but rather describes a pelvic traction belt and is cited to merely describe a closed loop.

Moreover, no combination of Unverzagt and Kilbey describes nor suggests a golf glove drying apparatus having a first edge longer than a second edge, wherein the first edge is substantially parallel to a frame longitudinal axis and the second edge substantially circumscribes a support. Applicant respectfully submits that such a feature is not merely a matter of design choice, but rather is a *structural* feature that provides a longer fastening mechanism that facilitates easily coupling a glove to the glove drying apparatus. (Emphasis added).

For at least the reasons set forth above, Claim 7 is submitted to be patentable over Unverzagt in view of Kilbey.

Claims 9, 10, and 21 depend from independent Claim 7. When the recitations of Claims 9, 10, and 12 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 7, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent Claims 9, 10, and 21 likewise are patentable over Unverzagt in view of Kilbey.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of Claims 7, 9, 10, and 21 under Section 103 be withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 7, 9, 10, and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jacobson in view of Unverzagt and Kilbey is respectfully traversed.

Jacobson, Unverzagt, and Kilbey are described above.

Claim 7 is recited above.

Applicant respectfully submits that no combination of Jacobson, Unverzagt, and Kilbey describes nor suggests a golf glove drying apparatus as is recited in Claim 7. Specifically, no combination of Jacobson, Unverzagt, and Kilbey describes nor a body inner surface including a first fastening mechanism and *a body outer surface including a plurality of second fastening mechanisms*, wherein at least one of the second fastening mechanisms is coupleable to the first fastening mechanism and *the plurality of second fastening mechanisms are positioned* for removably coupling a golf glove flap portion *and* a golf glove backing portion directly against the body outer surface. (Emphasis added). That is, no combination of the cited references describes or suggests a single surface (i.e., the body outer surface) that includes fastening mechanisms for removably coupling two complementary portions (i.e., the golf glove flap portion and the golf glove backing portion).

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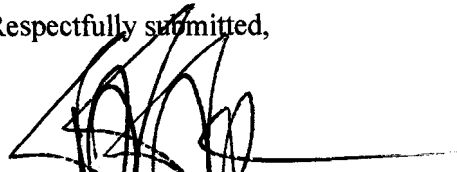
For at least the reasons set forth above, Claim 7 is submitted to be patentable over Jacobson in view of Unverzagt and Kilbey.

Claims 9, 10, and 21 depend from independent Claim 7. When the recitations of Claims 9, 10, and 12 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 7, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent Claims 9, 10, and 21 likewise are patentable over Jacobson in view of Unverzagt and Kilbey.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of Claims 7, 9, 10, and 21 under Section 103 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited. Should this application require an Examiner Amendment to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss any matters relating to the allowance of this application.

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